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SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE FOR ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING

FOLLOWING IS AGREED-UPON TEXT OF ANZUS COMMUNIQUE TO BE
RELEASED 1230 LOCAL TIME FEBRUARY 27 UPON CONCLUSION OF
COUNCIL MEETING.

QUOTE: THE ANZUS COUNCIL HELD ITS TWENTY-THIRD MEETING IN
WELLINGTON ON 26 AND 27 FEBRUARY 1974. THE HON. SENATOR
D. WILLESEE, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REPRESENTED
AUSTRALIA; THE HON. KENNTH RUSH, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE,
REPRESENTED THE UNITED STATES; AND THE RIGHT HON. NORMAN KIRK,
PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REPRESENTED
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NEW ZEALAND.

QUOTE: 2. THE MINISTERS, RECALLING THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL SINCE THE CHANGES OF GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, EXCHANGED VIEWS ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AS WELL AS STRATEGIC CONCERN TO THE ANZUS PARTNERS. THEY NOTED THAT THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE THREE COUNTRIES, BASED AS IT IS ON A SUBSTANTIAL COMMUNITY OF INTEREST AND A SHARED HERITAGE OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY, INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW, IS AMONG THE MOST ENDURING FEATURES OF THEIR FOREIGN POLICIES. THE ANZUS TREATY AND THE REGULAR CONSULTATIONS FOR WHICH IT PROVIDES ARE A NATURAL EXPRESSION OF THIS RELATIONSHIP.

QUOTE: 3. THE MINISTERS WELCOMED THE PROGRESS TOWARDS DETENTE AMONG THE MAJOR COUNTRIES. THEY NOTED THAT POLICIES OF DETENTE GAVE OTHER COUNTRIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THEMSELVES. THE COUNCIL WELCOMED EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA, AND MORE RECENTLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE IMPROVING RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION. THE MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF REGIONAL COOPERATION AND SELF-RELIANCE IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA, AS EXEMPLIFIED IN PARTICULAR BY THE INCREASING STATURE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH-EAST ASIAN NATIONS. THE MINISTERS INDICATED THE DESIRE OF THEIR COUNTRIES TO ASSIST THIS COOPERATION.

QUOTE: 4. THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE FIVE POWER DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS CONTRIBUTED TO THE CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE AREA AND PROVIDED A USEFUL FRAMEWORK FOR PRACTICAL COOPERATION IN THE DEFENSE FIELD. MINISTERS AGREED THAT AS A RESULT OF A MAJOR REVIEW IN 1973 THE STRUCTURE AND ROLE OF THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA TREATY ORGANIZATION WAS NOW BETTER SUITED TO TODAY'S CONDITIONS, AND THAT THE COMMITMENT REPRESENTED IN THE TREATY REMAINS IMPORTANT TO THE REGION.

QUOTE: 5. THE MINISTERS REVIEWED THE SITUATION IN INDO-CHINA ONE YEAR AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM. THEY WELCOMED THE ENCOURAGING

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PROGRESS TOWARDS POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN LAOS. WHILE GRATIFIED THAT THE SCALE OF FIGHTING IN SOUTH VIETNAM HAS GREATLY DIMINISHED, THEY REGRETTED THE CONTINUING LOSS OF LIFE AND EXPRESSED THE DESIRE THAT ALL PARTIES WOULD STRICTLY OBSERVE THE CEASE-FIRE. THEY REITERATED THE HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN DESTINY WITHOUT EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE. THE COUNCIL DEPLORED THE

CONTINUING TRAGIC FIGHTING AND DESTRUCTION IN CAMBODIA
AND CALLED ON ALL CAMBODIAN PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE A
PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT.

QUOTE: 6. CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO THE WORLD ECONOMIC
SITUATION AND TRADE AND TO THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF
RECENT EVENTS UPON THE ECONOMIC STABILITY OF THE ASIA/
PACIFIC REGION. THE MINISTERS CONSULTED ON THE
IMPLICATIONS OF THE ENERGY CRISIS FOR THE NATIONS OF THE
PACIFIC AREA, AND AGREED ON THE NEED FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN PRODUCING AND CONSUMING STATES TO MITIGATE THE
SERIOUS EFFECTS OF THE WORLD'S CONTINUING ENERGY
SHORTAGE. THEY FURTHER NOTED THAT A MAJOR EFFORT IN
CONSTRUCTIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WOULD BE REQUIRED
WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
INTERNATIONAL BODIES TO COUNTER DISRUPTIONS OCCURRING
IN THE WORLD ECONOMY, INCLUDING TRADE AND PAYMENTS, AND TO
MINIMISE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE ECONOMIES OF THE
REGION. THEY SAW THE NEED FOR A SPECIAL EFFORT TO ENSURE
THAT THESE DIFFICULTIES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DIMINISH
THE FLOW OF REAL RESOURCES TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.

QUOTE: 7. NOTING THE CONTINUED ATMOSPHERIC TESTING OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC THE COUNCIL ONCE
AGAIN CALLED FOR UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THE NUCLEAR TEST
BAN TREATY OF 1963, TO WHICH ALL THREE ANZUS PARTNERS WERE
PARTIES. IT ALSO AFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR THE EARLY ACHIEVEMENT
OF AN EFFECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY. THE
COUNCIL AGREED THAT FURTHER MEASURES OF ARMS CONTROL ARE
A NECESSARY CONCOMITANT OF THE PRESENT TREND TOWARDS
DETENTE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND STABLE
INTERNATIONAL ORDER. IT EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT
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THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION AND HOPED THAT
DESPITE THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE SITUATION FURTHER
PROGRESS WILL NOT BE DELAYED. THE COUNCIL SUPPORTED
THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN
SECURITY, TO ACHIEVE MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS
AS AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN THE EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT
GENUINE LIMITATION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS. IT WELCOMED AS
A REFLECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S WISHES THE
ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO ARMS CONTROL WITHIN THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ALL NATIONS
WOULD COOPERATE IN THESE ENDEAVOURS.

QUOTE: 8. THE MINISTERS WELCOMED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
COMMUNITY OF INDEPENDENT AND SELF-GOVERNING STATES IN

THE SOUTH PACIFIC. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRALIA
AND NEW ZEALAND OUTLINED THE ROLE OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC
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